

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Certificate of Need Task Force

Summary by Major Issue Areas of Public Comment on Maryland's Certificate of Need Program

(Including Testimony at June 7, 2005 Public Forum and Written Comments Provided by June 10, 2005)

	Issue Areas:	Coverage by CON Review			CON Review Procedures		The State Health Plan	Other Issues	
Name/Organization	CON-Covered Service	Retain	Repeal	Change	Scope & Duration of Completeness Review	Simplify, Expedite Review Process	Update &/or Modify SHP Standards & Projections	Enforce Scope of CON Authority	Obstacle to Choice, Market Entry
Erwin Abrams, Hospice Network of MD*	Hospice Programs	•							
Scott E. Andochick, MD, DDS, PA	Ambulatory Surgery								•
Mara Benner, Pres., MD-Nat'l Capital HomeCare Association*; Elizabeth Weglein, testimony at Public Forum	Home Health Agencies (Medicare-certified)							•	
Michael J. Chiaramonte, Exec VP & Richard G. McAlee, General Counsel, Southern MD Hospital Center	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•	•	•	•		
Hal Cohen, Hal Cohen, Inc., Health Care Consulting	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•		•	•		
Karlene Conrad, Exec Director, Community Hospices	Hospice Programs	•							
Carolyn Core, VP Corporate Svcs, Civista Medical Center	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		• \$	•	•	•		
Joan de Pontet, Exec Director, Jewish Social Service Agency; Robert Johnson, testimony at Public Forum	Hospice Programs	•							
Thomas Firey, Maryland Public Policy Institute*	All covered facilities and programs		•						•
Sean Flanagan, Govt. Affairs, St. Joseph Medical Center, testimony at Public Forum	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•							

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Gregory V. Floberg, Hospice of Charles County	Hospice Programs	•							
James Forsyth, Esq.	Nursing Homes (remove CON for home care services)	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Quincy Gamble, SEIU 1199E-DC; Nicole Price, SEIU 1199E-DC, testimony at Public Forum	All covered facilities and programs	•							
Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer & Linda Moe RN, Director, Garrett County Health Dept Home Health Agency	Home Health Agencies (Medicare-certified)	•							
Brian Gragnolati, President & CEO, Suburban Hospital	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•	•				
Warren Green, President & CEO, LifeBridge Health	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•	•	•	•		
Donna L. Jacobs, Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, UMMS*	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		• \$					
William L. Jews, President & CEO, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield	All covered facilities and programs, with emphasis on acute care	•		•			•		
<i>Danna Kauffman, Mid-Atlantic LifeSpan, testimony at Public Forum</i>	Nursing Homes	•		• \$		•			

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Richard Lichenstein, MD, President, American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter	Inpatient Obstetrics	•							
Patti Maguire, Administrator, Personal Touch Home Care of Baltimore, Inc.	Home Health Agencies (Medicare-certified)	•							
Lawrence Merlis, President & CEO, Greater Baltimore Medical Center	Acute Care Hospitals; Specialized Services	•		•					•
Ann Mitchell, MPH, President & CEO, Montgomery Hospice	Hospice Programs	•							
Sam Moscovitz, Mercy Medical Center/ Mercy Health Services*	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•			•		
Calvin Pierson, President, Maryland Hospital Association	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		• \$	•	•	•		
J. William Pitcher, Esquire, for the MD Ambulatory Surgical Association; Deron Johnson and Andrea Hyatt, testimony at Public Forum	Ambulatory Surgery	•					•		
William G. Robertson, President & CEO, Adventist HealthCare	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		• \$	•	•	•		

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Michael Rogers, Executive Vice President, Corporate Services, MedStar Health	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		• \$		•	•		
Barry F. Rosen, Esq.	All covered facilities and programs (with emphasis on acute care)	•		• \$	•	•	•		
John M. Sernulka, President & CEO, Carroll Hospital Center	Acute Care Hospitals and Services (also home health and hospice)	•		• \$	•	•	•		
Kevin J. Sexton, President & CEO, Holy Cross Hospital	Acute Care Hospitals and Services	•		•		•	•		
Andrew L. Solberg, ALS Healthcare Consultant Services*	All covered facilities and programs	•		•	•	•	•		
Howard Sollins, Esq., for Health Facilities Association of MD*	Nursing Homes	•		• \$			•		•
Sue Ellen Stuart, Area Director, Gentiva Health Services*	Home Health Agencies (Medicare-certified)	•							•

NOTES:

1. The Table's formatting indicates the method of testimony by persons and organizations, i.e., those submitting **written comments in bold, with an asterisk (*) if also presented testimony at Public Forum**; *persons or organizations who presented only oral testimony at the Public Forum appear in italics.*
2. The symbol "\$" under Coverage indicates that the commenter favors an increase in the current capital expenditure threshold for CON review, by \$.7.5 million to \$10 million, or, alternatively, to a specified percentage of revenue for smaller facilities or projects.